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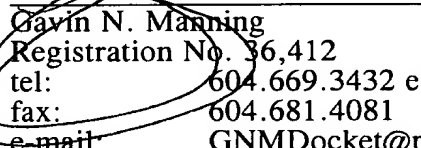
The Examiner has raised 35 USC §103(a) rejections to claims 1, 2 and 7-26 of this application, based on one primary reference, namely U.S. Publication 2003/0007489 A1 (Krishnan et al.), in combination with U.S. Publication US 2003/0079040 A1 (Jain et al.) and/or U.S. Publication US 2002/0163935 A1 (Paatela et al.).

Krishnan et al. was not filed until 9 July 2001. Jain et al. was not filed until 19 October 2001. Enclosed is an Affidavit sworn by Shay NAHUM, one of the inventors in the present application. This Affidavit is being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.131. The Affidavit establishes that the Applicants' invention was made on or before 14 June 2001. Consequently, Krishnan et al. and Jain et al. do not constitute citable prior art in the present application.

As the Office Action did not raise any other basis for rejecting this application, the Applicants submit that claims 1-28 are in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

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